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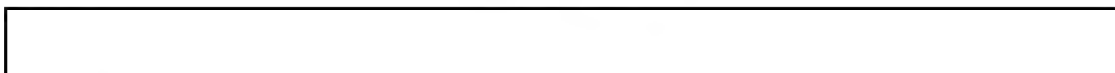


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*Tanganyika: The radical nationalist minister of external affairs and defense, Oscar Kambona, appears to be using the present disorder in Tanganyika to enhance his position relative to that of President Nyerere.

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[REDACTED] Kambona has been repeatedly evasive about Nyerere's whereabouts and for all practical purposes has been the government since the army mutiny erupted two days ago. It now appears that Nyerere remained at his office-residence behind military guard.

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Kambona has not always agreed with Nyerere's moderate, pro-Western stance and would probably prefer to follow a neutralist policy, particularly in obtaining material assistance for his expanding army.

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*Panama: The Chiari government's new ambassador to the OAS, a hard-line nationalist, evidently has a free hand to press his country's charges against the US.

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US bankers in Panama report that the general economic situation continues to deteriorate, with a resultant flight of local and US capital from the country. These trends could result in Chiari's resignation, an action which would probably touch off a scramble for power by factions of the right and left.

Pro-Castro Panamanian legislative deputy Thelma King plans to leave Panama tomorrow on a mission to seek economic aid from Moscow and possibly Peiping,

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Panamanian Communists have recently begun the organization and training of "action brigades" to exploit future violent incidents in Panama. Training is to include instruction in the use of weapons and sabotage techniques, particularly arson. Weapons and sabotage materials are expected from Cuba later.

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South Vietnam: [The government is still finding it difficult to get the war against the Viet Cong moving]

[It has failed, so far, to capture popular enthusiasm in the countryside, where local officials reportedly receive little guidance and exercise little initiative. Undercurrents of religious tension persist in the northern provinces]

[In the delta, meanwhile, the Viet Cong are maintaining a relatively high rate of harassment and terrorism in an effort to undermine resistance among the rural populace and government paramilitary forces]

[Public demonstrations have been banned in Saigon to ward off disorders by students protesting proposals to neutralize Vietnam. The government is, however, deeply concerned that the public may become receptive to the idea of neutralism. France's decision to recognize Communist China has sharpened this concern. The Saigon press predicts that Saigon may sever diplomatic relations with Paris]

[Reports persist of dissatisfaction with Prime Minister Tho on the part of a variety of political groups, as well as among some of the military. Tho, however, continues to have the support of junta chairman, General Minh]

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Latin America: The long delayed congress to organize the Castro-Communist labor organization that will purport to represent all of Latin America is scheduled to take place in Brazil on 24-28 January.

This new organization, to be known as the Single Center of Latin American Workers (CUTAL), presumably will replace the nearly defunct Confederation of Latin American Workers (CTAL). Although non-Communist labor groups have played a token role, the prime movers in organizing the conference have been Communists. Among them have been party members from Chile, Brazil, and Bolivia.

Several Communist countries, including Communist China and Cuba, are planning to be represented at the congress.

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Although President Goulart has specifically instructed his foreign minister to make the entry of these delegates into Brazil "difficult," such orders in the past have not always been effectively implemented. The Soviet delegation arrived in Rio de Janeiro on 17 January.

Many of the congress' expenses have been underwritten by the World Federation of Trade Unions and the Cuban Workers Revolutionary Central. Its organizers apparently have also appealed to the Brazilian Government for assistance. There is no firm indication whether they were successful, although Goulart did tell the US ambassador that he had ordered the head of Petrobras, Brazil's oil monopoly, not to give funds to the congress. There is, however, at least one precedent for Brazilian financial support of a pro-Communist conference. The foreign and education ministries paid out more than \$30,000 to a Communist-sponsored International Students Seminar in Bahia last July.

Aside from organizational matters, the congress' agenda also focuses on such items as "the defense of the Cuban revolution" and the elimination of US economic influence in Latin America.

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Ethiopia: The US Embassy believes that Emperor Haile Selassie has decided to receive Chou En-lai in Addis Ababa and to recognize Communist China. On 20 January, the Emperor took the unprecedented step of receiving a Chinese Communist delegation on a high Ethiopian religious holiday. Later, the Emperor, in hinting to a US newsman that he was ready to extend recognition, cited De Gaulle's decision and said that Africans and the world could have more influence on the Chinese if they were in the UN.

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Turkey: Difficulties appear ahead for Turkey's Five-Year Development Plan on which its long-range political stability largely depends. An international consortium including most of Turkey's NATO allies, which has agreed to help Turkey financially, is scheduled for a new pledging session on January 27-28, but it does not appear willing to pledge enough aid either to meet Turkey's minimum operational and growth requirements or to avoid aggravating its chronic foreign exchange problems. Failure to gain the needed assistance could lead to increased talk in Turkey that it might have to reduce its military establishment and lessen its ability to meet NATO commitments.

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Czechoslovakia: [The regime reportedly is considering a drastic austerity program which party officials fear may arouse violent public reaction and spur demands for changes in the leadership.]

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[redacted] the program-- to be decided upon at a central committee meeting starting 21 January--would raise costs for consumer goods, rents, and electricity, and also reduce pensions. The imposition of such steps at this time would be particularly unwelcome since other unpopular measures are currently being effected.

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Afghanistan: [A confrontation between the King and former Prime Minister Daud may be near as a result of Daud's continuing opposition to the proposed new constitution drawn up by reform-minded, pro-Western government leaders. Daud may have stimulated dissidence in one of the five army divisions located in the Kabul area.]

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